

HB 227 -- PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL

SPONSOR: Hubrecht

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules - Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

With this bill Missouri would enter into the psychology interjurisdictional compact. This compact is intended to regulate the day to day practice of psychology across states lines. Under the compact a psychologist can treat a patient across state lines using telecommunication technologies. A psychologist can also cross state lines and treat a patient in person for up to 30 days in a year but only if he or she has first initiated contact with the patient via telecommunications technologies.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help ensure that Missourians have access to mental health services. It allows patients and providers to take advantage of technological advancements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hubrecht and Adam Andreassen, Missouri Psychological Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.